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### CHAIRMAN MASSEY ON WHITE HOUSE APPOINTMENT

Chairman William L. Massey said today he was honored by President Clinton's decision to name him to head the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission effective today.

Mr. Massey said, "I appreciate this expression of White House confidence, particularly at this challenging time in the bulk power markets on the West Coast."

Mr. Massey, who has served as a Commissioner since 1993, has been a key figure in the Commission's restructuring of the natural gas and electric industries. He played a leadership role in promulgating Order No. 2000, which promotes the formation of independent regional transmission entities. Since 1997, he has served as lead Commissioner on merger policy. Mr. Massey has addressed numerous energy conferences in this country and abroad.

Mr. Massey has extensive legal and policy-making experience in the legislative and judicial branches of the federal government. From 1981-89, he served as Chief Counsel and Legislative Director to Senator Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.), a senior member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Before that, he was Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard S. Arnold of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit.

Before joining the Commission, he was a partner in the law firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt and then at Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, where he represented clients on energy, environmental and other matters.

